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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.  
patent application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 2 after the title, insert -- This application is a divisional of U.S. patent  
application Ser. No. 09/387,775, filed September 1, 1999, the entirety of each of which is  
incorporated herein by reference.--  
now US Patent No. 6,331,379

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-31 and 52-54.

Please rewrite claims 56 and 57 as indicated on the following page.